

NMCC Minutes

May 12, 2011

Chair Maureen Hosford called the meeting to order at 4:20. She introduced three potential new members, Michele Shalaby, Camilla Adams, and Margie Shapiro. Ned McDowell was absent.

The minutes were approved as read. Owen Hoberman gave the treasurer's report. He noted that to date we have received \$4975 in contributions following the fund-raising letter. The state grant has not yet been received; balance on hand is \$3372.09. The report was accepted.

Updating the preparations for Burritt Day, the White Elephant drop-off is on-going, and some good quality stuff is being contributed. Barbara and Ned will be the staff for June 18. Either Joyce Sachs or Maureen will join Ned on July 16, and Nikki Hayes will be on hand for August 13. Currently, five vendors have signed up. Nikki will speak with Peter Platt about the Old Inn's participation. Bob Twing will again be purveying hot dogs and hamburgers. Owen will put the ad in the Shoppers Guide. Joyce will contact the Berkshire Made vendors in case they might be interested. She also noted that Charles Flint, the appraiser, does not do jewelry or coins; he does do furniture, but said that a photo would be enough to bring to the fair. He will arrange to do appraisals at someone's home for a contribution to the NMCC. The Council decided to leave that decision to him, rather than risk wasting his time. Gloria Knapke will be invited to the next meeting so that the Friends of the Library will know the plans for Burritt Day.

There was discussion of the exact name of the award that we present for community service. Various permutations of Burritt, Annual, Day, Elihu, and Award were discussed; Mary Smith suggested awarding The Golden Burrito. (Following the meeting, via email, the name was fixed as the Annual Elihu Burritt Award.)

Preparations for the Garden Tour on June 25 are moving along. We still need write-ups for two of the gardens, but the brochure is taking shape. Maureen will write up the event for the June *NM5VN*. She circulated a grid for Council members to sign up for three-hour stints at the various gardens.

Maureen expressed frustration in getting timely information about the Sandisfield Arts Center schedule so that we can publicize the events. As the tickets are received each month, she will post the events on Maggie's List.

Susan requested an outline of the NMCC's annual calendar. Maureen suggested that we do an orientation for new members at the July meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 9, at 4:15 at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lowman
Secretary